



Program Cost Estimates<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6,7</sup>  
Based on 2021-2022 Tuition and Fee Rates

	Program Hours	Estimated # of Semesters	Resident Average Estimated Cost per Semester <sup>5</sup> \$770.25 per credit hour	Non-Resident Scholarship Recipient Average Estimated Cost per Semester <sup>5,6</sup> \$870.25 per credit hour	Non-Resident Average Estimated Cost per Semester <sup>5</sup> \$1,438.00 per credit hour
<b>MASTERS PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>Master of Science in Nursing Programs (MSN)</b>					
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner - Part Time Plan of Study	46	8	\$5,547	\$6,122	\$9,559
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - Part-Time Plan of Study	47	8	\$5,656	\$6,243	\$9,755
Family Nurse Practitioner - Part Time Plan of Study	47	8	\$5,787	\$6,374	\$9,886
Nursing Informatics – Full Time Plan of Study	33	4	\$7,407	\$8,232	\$13,133
Nursing Informatics – Part Time Plan of Study	33	7	\$4,232	\$4,751	\$7,569
Nursing Administration -Full Time Plan of Study	30	3	\$7,045	\$7,045	\$7,305
Nursing Administration - Part Time Plan of Study	30	6	\$3,577	\$3,577	\$3,727
Master’s Entry to Practice Nursing - Full Time Plan of Study*	76	5	\$11,332	\$12,532	\$19,645
Nursing Education – Part Time Plan of Study	39	5	\$7,252	\$8,656	\$12,694
*The MEPN program plan requires enrollment above 12 credit hours each semester. As a result, program participants will save the equivalent of 15 credit hours in tuition costs over the course of 5 semesters, due to the full-time tuition rates for students taking 12-16 credit hours a semester. <sup>1</sup>					
<b>CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>Certificate of Graduate Study Programs (CGS)*</b>					
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Part Time Plan of Study	31	5	\$6,274	\$6,894	\$10,600
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (accelerated) Part Time Plan of Study*	18	3	\$5,999	\$6,599	\$10,185
Family Nurse Practitioner Part Time Plan of Study	32	6	\$5,548	\$6,081	\$9,269
Family Nurse Practitioner (accelerated) Part Time Plan of Study*	18	3	\$6,349	\$6,949	\$10,535
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Part Time Plan of Study	32	5	\$6,657	\$7,297	\$11,123

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (accelerated) Part time Plan of Study*	18	3	\$6,332	\$6,932	\$10,518
Nursing Informatics Part Time Plan of Study	18	4	\$4,236	\$4,686	\$7,376
Nursing Administration Part Time Plan of Study	18	4	\$3,358	\$3,358	\$3,493
Nursing Education Part Time Plan of Study	27	5	\$5,170	\$5,710	\$8,938
Nursing Education (accelerated) Part Time Plan of Study	18	5	\$3,399	\$3,759	\$5,911
<b>*CGS accelerated plan of study determined by gap analysis, total hours vary</b>					

#### DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

<b>Doctor of Nursing Practice Programs (DNP)</b>					
Nurse Executive Leadership (BSN entry) Full Time Plan of Study	60	8	\$7,204	\$7,954	\$12,437
Nurse Executive Leadership (BSN entry) Part Time Plan of Study	60	11	\$5,239	\$5,785	\$9,045
Family Nurse Practitioner (BSN entry) Full Time Plan of Study	74	9	\$8,097	\$8,919	\$13,834
Family Nurse Practitioner (BSN entry) Part Time Plan of Study	74	12	\$6,073	\$6,689	\$10,375
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (BSN entry) Full Time Plan of Study	73	9	\$7,889	\$8,700	\$13,549
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (BSN entry) Part Time Plan of Study	73	12	\$5,917	\$6,525	\$10,162
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (BSN entry) Full Time Plan of Study	74	9	\$7,986	\$8,808	\$13,723
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (BSN entry) Part Time Plan of Study	74	12	\$5,989	\$6,606	\$10,292
Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner (no concentration) (Post-Master's entry) Part Time Plan of Study	33	6	\$5,344	\$5,894	\$9,182
Nurse Executive Leadership (Post-Master's entry)* Part Time Plan of Study	36	7	\$5,102	\$5,617	\$8,691

**\*Post-Master's DNP NEL estimate based on 36 credits. Students without master's level finance course will take an additional 3 credit hours (NURS 738)**

#### NOTES

- All rates subject to change. Based on 2021-2022 tuition and fee rates. [Specially Priced Online Degree Program rate](#) applies to Nursing Administration programs. All other MSN, CGS & DNP tuition rates subject to [Nursing Departmental tuition rate](#). PhD program subject to [Columbia tuition and fee](#) rate for graduate students. Includes following required fees: Application fee, Matriculation fee, Clinical and Lab fees, Malpractice Insurance fee, [Health Professions fee](#), Technology fee, and initial cost for CastleBranch order. Health Center fee applies to PhD program. Only MSN, Nursing Administration, Nursing Informatics, and MEPN full time plans include semesters of 12 or more credit hours. [Full - time tuition rates](#) apply when 12 - 16 credit hours taken in a semester.
- Third party vendor, CastleBranch, used for background check, drug screening and tracking of all health requirements; therefore, billing and payment is separate. Additional fees may be required for annual renewal of CastleBranch items - students are responsible for all costs associated with CastleBranch requirements including any necessary lab tests.
- Additional out of pocket start-up costs apply to the Master's Entry to Practice Nursing program.
- Health Insurance Fee not included in cost estimate, fee can be waived.
- Average cost per semester. Actual cost per semester will vary depending on the number of credit hours taken, and if clinical and lab fees apply. First semester one time matriculation fee applies to all degrees/programs. Additional one-time enrichment fee of \$1500 applies to the first semester in the PhD program. Health Professions fees apply to apply degree programs. PhD students responsible for paying out of pocket for all costs listed, including years 1 & 2.
- Contact the [College of Nursing](#) to learn about scholarship and other funding opportunities.

**Doctor of Philosophy Program (PhD)**  
**PhD Students Receive Tuition Funding for the First 2 Years of Enrollment<sup>6,7</sup>**

	Total Program Hours	Estimated # of Semesters	Resident Average Estimated Cost per Semester <sup>1,4,5,6,7</sup> \$527.25 per credit hour	Non-Resident Scholarship Recipient Average Estimated Cost per Semester <sup>1,4,5,6,7</sup> \$572.25 per credit hour	Non-Resident Average Estimated Cost per Semester <sup>1,4,5,6,7</sup> \$1,240 per credit hour Non-SC Residents Assessed Scholarship Recipient Tuition and Fee Rate first 2 years due to College of Nursing Funding.
<b>Doctor of Philosophy (BSN entry) Part Time Plan of Study</b> Year 1 (24 credit hours) Year 2 (24 credit hours) Year 3 (15 credit hours) Year 4 (12 credit hours) Total Funding Amount (Tuition Savings) provided by College of Nursing Year 1 & 2 equivalent to cost of 48 credit hours. BSN-PHD Standard Plan of Study must be followed to receive maximum tuition savings benefit.	75	10	Year 1 (3 sem x \$1,488) Year 2 (3 sem x \$945) Year 3 (2 sem x \$6,064) Year 4 (2 sem x \$4,852) Tuition Savings \$27,468	Year 1 (3 sem x \$1,488) Year 2 (3 sem x \$945) Year 3 (2 sem x \$6,064) Year 4 (2 sem x \$4,852) Tuition Savings \$27,468	Year 1 (3 sem x \$1,488) Year 2 (3 sem x \$945) Year 3 (2 sem x \$11,522) Year 4 (2 sem x \$9,218) Tuition Savings \$59,520
<b>Doctor of Philosophy (MSN entry) Part Time Plan of Study</b> Year 1 (27 credit hours) Year 2 (18 credit hours) Year 3 (12 credit hours) Total Funding Amount (Tuition Savings) provided by College of Nursing Year 1 & 2 equivalent to cost of 45 credit hours. MSN-PHD Standard Plan of Study must be followed to receive maximum tuition savings benefit.	57	7	Year 1 (3 sem x \$1,606) Year 2 (2 sem x \$1,063) Year 3 (2 sem x \$4,852) Tuition Savings \$25,751	Year 1 (3 sem x \$1,606) Year 2 (2 sem x \$1,063) Year 3 (2 sem x \$4,852) Tuition Savings \$25,751	Year 1 (3 sem x \$1,606) Year 2 (2 sem x \$1,063) Year 3 (2 sem x \$9,218) Tuition Savings \$55,800
<b>Doctor of Philosophy (non-MSN entry) Part Time Plan of Study*</b> Year 1 (27 credit hours) Year 2 (18 credit hours) Year 3 (12 credit hours) Total Funding Amount (Tuition Savings) provided by College of Nursing Year 1 & 2 equivalent to cost of 45 credit hours. Non-MSN-PHD Standard Plan of Study must be followed to receive maximum tuition savings benefit.	57	7	Year 1 (3 sem x \$1,606) Year 2 (2 sem x \$1,063) Year 3 (2 sem x \$4,852) Tuition Savings \$25,751	Year 1 (3 sem x \$1,606) Year 2 (2 sem x \$1,063) Year 3 (2 sem x \$4,852) Tuition Savings \$25,751	Year 1 (3 sem x \$1,606) Year 2 (2 sem x \$1,063) Year 3 (2 sem x \$9,218) Tuition Savings \$55,800
<b>Doctor of Philosophy (DNP entry) Part Time Plan of Study**</b> Year 1 (15 credit hours) Year 2 (12 credit hours) Year 3 (12 credit hours) Total Funding Amount (Tuition Savings) provided by College of Nursing Year 1 & 2 equivalent to cost of 27 credit hours. DNP-PHD Standard Plan of Study must be followed to receive maximum tuition savings benefit.	39	6	Year 1 (2 sem x \$1,701) Year 2 (2 sem x \$709) Year 3 (2 sem x \$4,852) Tuition Savings \$15,451	Year 1 (2 sem x \$1,701) Year 2 (2 sem x \$709) Year 3 (2 sem x \$4,852) Tuition Savings \$15,451	Year 1 (2 sem x \$1,701) Year 2 (2 sem x \$709) Year 3 (2 sem x \$9,218) Tuition Savings \$33,480

\*PhD (non-MSN entry) based on 57 credit hours (non-MSN master's entry students who do not have beginning level graduate courses in nursing theory, research, or statistics equivalent to those required in the USC College of Nursing Master of Science in Nursing degree program will need to complete these courses prior to beginning the PhD core courses - additional 9 credits required)

\*\*PhD (DNP entry) based on 39 credit hours-students who have not had a statistics course in last 5 years will take 817 advanced statistics - additional 3 credits

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5. Average cost per semester. Actual cost per semester will vary depending on the number of credit hours taken, and if clinical and lab fees apply. First semester one time matriculation fee applies to all degrees/programs. Additional one-time enrichment fee of \$1500 applies to the first semester in the PhD program. Health Professions fees apply to apply degree programs. PhD students responsible for paying out of pocket for all costs listed, including years 1 & 2. Resident Tuition Rate: \$572.25 per credit hour/PhD Non-Resident Scholarship Recipient Tuition Rate: \$572.25 per credit hour/Non-Resident Tuition Rate: \$1,240 per credit hour Non-SC Residents Assessed Scholarship Recipient Tuition and Fee Rate first 2 years due to College of Nursing Funding.
6. Contact the [College of Nursing](#) to learn about scholarship and other funding opportunities.
7. PhD funding covers tuition costs for the first 2 years of study under the standard plan of study. [First 2 years following standard plan = maximum 48 credit hours (BSN entry); 45 credit hours (MSN & non-MSN entry); 30 credit hours (DNP entry)]. All estimates based on College of Nursing standard plans of study. Non-SC Residents Assessed Scholarship Recipient Tuition and Fee Rate first 2 years due to College of Nursing Funding. PhD responsible for paying all fees, as well as tuition after year 2.